

The Physician's Role in Ensuring Radiology Management Program Compliance



General program information

- **Members subject to the Radiology Management Program:**
 - **Included:** BCBSM PPO members (Michigan residents)
 - **Excluded:** Those in Federal Employee Plan, State of Michigan, POS, Medicare and those for whom BCBSM is secondary (coordination of benefits)
- **Procedures requiring authorization:** Outpatient nonemergent CT/CTA, MRI/MRA, PET scans and certain nuclear imaging procedures
- **American Imaging Management preauthorization:** Obtained by referring or ordering physician
- **Hospital outpatient department responsibility:** Ensure preauthorization obtained *before* scheduling procedure

Referring or ordering physicians can obtain prior authorization through AIM

- Go to **americanimaging.net**:
 - Select *Web Applications User Login* (below header on right side of page).
 - Follow prompts to log in with your user name and password or (if you are a new user) to register as an *Ordering Provider*.
 - For assistance, call AIM Customer Service Center at **800-252-2021**.
- Go to **americanimaging.premierglobal.com/attendee/ConferenceList.aspx** to schedule webcast training on topics such as registering and viewing preauthorization requests.

Claim identification on the CMS-1500 claim

- To identify yourself (the ordering physician), complete fields 17 and 17b.

Verify that procedure code requires prior authorization

- Log in to web-DENIS, click *BCBSM Provider Publications and Resources* and select *Provider Manual*.
- Click on *Provider Type* and make a selection from the drop-down menu under *Provider Type Criteria*. Click on *Search*.
- Select *PPO Policies* chapter, then *Radiology management and Precertification of nonemergency outpatient CAT scans, MRIs, nuclear cardiology procedures and PET scans*.
 - If procedure is *not* on the precertification list, order the service.
 - If procedure requires precertification, follow the steps above for using the AIM Web site.

If after checking the AIM and BCBSM Web sites you still have questions, please contact your BCBSM provider consultant.